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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDI Coordinator on International Narcotics Matters

SUBJECT : Your Request for a Statement on OBGI's Responsibilities and Information Requirements vis-a-vis Narcotics

1. The Geography Division of OBGI is responsible for the production of a wide range of intelligence reports, memoranda, support studies, and briefings dealing with foreign areas. Tasks range from a detailed description of a particular piece of real estate -- frequently in support of DDP operational needs -- to problem-oriented analyses on topics primarily of concern to policymakers. Examples of the latter are recent studies prepared on environmental handicaps in Brazil's Amazonia project, alleged Aswan-Nile pollution problems, and the distribution and significance of Soviet corrective labor camps.

2. Within the narcotics field, OBGI for some years has been active in the production of intelligence studies which describe and interpret relevant environmental factors, production sites and capabilities, and general traffic flow. OBGI produced some of the first intelligence studies on narcotics published by the Agency. In addition to answering numerous ad-hoc questions on narcotics, our production has included the following:

CIA/BGI GR 71-4: The Illicit Production and Movement of Opiates in Latin America, January 1971

CIA/BGI GR 71-5: Opium Production and Movement in Southeast Asia, January 1971

CIA/BGI GR 72-1: Opium Production and Movement in the Near East and South Asia, July 1971

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CIA/BGI GR 72-2: Smuggling and Other Cross-Border Movement in South America, December 1971

CIA/BGI PN 63.2633: Marseille and Vicinity, May 1972

CIA/BGI PN 62.2640: Papaver Bracteatum, August 1972

25X1C 3. In drafting these reports and detailed intelligence requirements for collectors, O&G analysts utilize a specialized knowledge of the geography of the areas concerned -- including both physical and cultural aspects -- and a thorough familiarity with research materials available in the Community. To remain knowledgeable of developments in their areas, they must obviously have full access to the relevant intelligence documents. This need is particularly acute in reference to narcotics. [REDACTED] reporting on this subject, for many parts of the world, is an important source of information. A continued full flow of this reporting is thus a vital need. [REDACTED]

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